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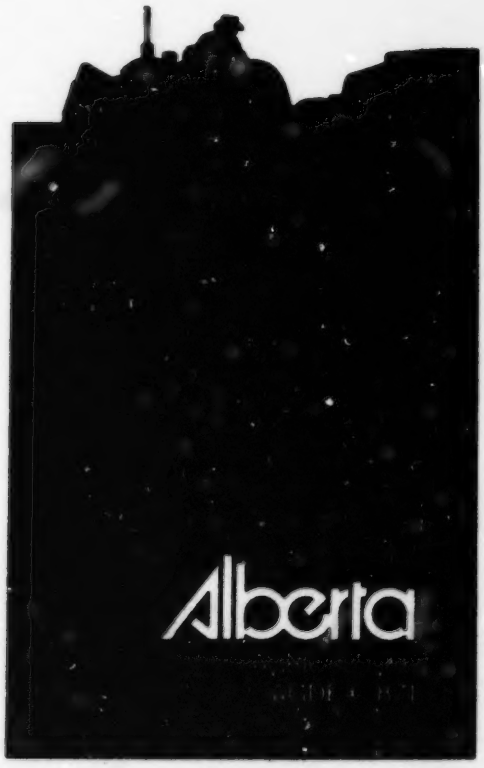

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PREFACE

Government assistance programs for the agricultural producer are numerous and constantly changing. These programs take various forms. To help the Alberta farmer keep abreast of the programs this publication lists various financial and management assistance programs currently available to the agricultural producers of this province. Each financial assistance program is briefly described, outlining eligibility criteria and where to apply. In addition to the financial assistance programs, other management assistance programs are briefly described under the section "Additional Programs Available to Alberta Farmers". This listing, far from complete, provides an indication of the variety of government services available to Alberta farmers. A separate publication which describes agricultural credit programs "Sources of Farm Business Credit in Alberta", Agdex 832, is available from Print Media Branch, 7000 - 113 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5T6.

It is expected that this publication will be useful to farmers who wish to become aware of the assistance opportunities available or who wish to determine their eligibility for programs offered. Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy as of June, 1984. Because of the continual changes that are taking place with respect to these programs, the details are subject to change at any time. More detailed and current information on these programs should be obtained from the agencies accepting applications.

This publication is revised on a regular basis. Any ideas regarding changes in the contents of this publication would be appreciated.

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I. AGRICULTUPAL SERVICE BOARD GRANTS

Purpose: Provides funding to assist rural municipalities to develop agricultural programs and to administer related provincial acts.

The objectives of the Department of Agriculture in Agriculture Service Board funding are to participate with local governments in:

- hiring of personnel to carry out agriculture service board programs.
- carrying out programs or projects related to both provincial and local agriculture priorities which will preserve and improve our agriculture production capability.
- introducing the farming public to the latest in agriculture production techniques developed at the local, provincial or national level.
- strengthening the independence and capability of the farmers to deal with factors affecting agriculture production, such as soil conservation and pest control.
- developing a balanced agriculture program which will assist farmers in meeting the requirements of provincial acts and in providing the manpower and funds for act enforcement when necessary.

Terms: Each board develops and carries out programs designed to meet the needs of of its district. Provincial grants are provided in relationship to provincially defined priorities and for defined and regionally approved local priority programs.

Grants apply to all costs incurred in the conduct of any project including purchase of materials; rental of land, facilities or equipment; custom work and labor. Up to 60% of total cost (unless specified otherwise in these guidelines) will be assumed by the Department with the remainder to be assumed by the municipality and/or farmer. Capital purchases require prior approval. Equipment purchased for rental to farmers is not eligible for maintenance assistance since the rental charge should offset this expense. Trucks and roadside spraying equipment are assisted on a rental basis only. Chemicals used on private land are not eligible for cost sharing except for demonstration.

Some projects which may be carried out include:

- providing specialized equipment such as portable scales, pumping equipment grass seeders and sprayers, on a rental basis to producers.
- persistent perennial weed control programs.
- soil erosion prevention and soil reclamation programs.
- roadside backsloping and seeding programs.
- shelterbelt and horticultural beautification programs.
- extension and demonstration programs to explain and illustrate new technology in crop and livestock production and weed, disease and pest control methods.
- forage crop improvement and management demonstration programs.
- beaver flood control.

Available to: Rural Municipalities.

Apply to: Local Agricultural Service Board.

II. AGRICULTURAL CREDIT PROGRAMS

1. Beginning Farmer Program

Purpose: To assist individuals to establish farms on an owned land base.

Terms: Short- and long-term loans to a maximum of $200,000 at the current preferred lending rate. Incentive grants are provided for the first five years of the loan if the borrower follows the conditions set out.

Available to: Beginning farmers who have assets of less than $350,000 and net worth of less than $175,000 after the loan is provided, and who have not previously operated a viable farm with an owned land base.

Apply to: Alberta Agricultural Development Corporation.

2. Direct Farm Loan Program

Purpose: To assist primary producers to develop and maintain viable farms.

Terms: Short- and long-term loans up to $200,000 at or below the Corporation's preferred lending rate, depending on qualifications.

Available to: Applicants who cannot arrange satisfactory term loans from conventional lenders. Asset and net worth levels are considered to determine eligibility.

Apply to: Alberta Agricultural Development Corporation.

III. CROP, PASTURE AND SOIL PROGRAMS

A. GENERAL

1. Exhibitors Assistance at Royal Agricultural Winter Fair-Field Crops

Purpose: To increase the interest and encourage exhibiting at the Royal Winter Fair.

Terms: Grants are provided for:
- cost of transportation of the exhibit from Alberta to Toronto
- an honorarium of $200 for any grand champion and $150 for any reserve champion prize won in the pedigree seed classes.

Available to: Exhibitors with displays approved by the Plant Industry Division of Alberta Agriculture

Apply to: Field Crops Branch
Alberta Agriculture
Bag Service 47
LACOMBE, Alberta
T0C 1S0

2. **Wildlife Damage Fund For Crops**

Purpose: To compensate individuals whose crops are damaged by wildlife (big game and game birds as defined by the Game Act).

Terms: Compensation is based on an assessment of damage by an Alberta Hail and Crop Insurance Corporation insurance adjuster and is presently based on $65 per acre or 75% of the value of the crop at the time of damage, which ever is the lesser. The maximum compensation per acre will be related to average crop insurance coverage levels and the established prices will be related to the price options for crop insurance in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. No claim will be processed if the crop is harvested prior to the appraisal. Anyone who has received a claim will have his $25 appraisal fee refunded. Damage under 10% is not eligible. Any damage over 90% is considered 100%.

No payment will be made when the total compensation is less than $100/crop. Crop valuation rates are subject to periodic changes as is the basis used for awards paid to claimants.

Notice of damage will not be accepted if it is received more than 15 days after harvesting in the general area is considered to have been completed for the year. In the event that harvesting in the general area could not be completed, all claims must be submitted by the end of the year.

Available to: Alberta crop producers who suffer losses, and who pay an appraisal fee of $25 per section.

Apply to: One of the fifty three Alberta Hail and Crop Insurance Corporation offices in Alberta.

B) CROPS

1. **Advance Payments for Crops Act (APCA)**

Purpose: To assist farmers producing storable crops to improve their marketing pattern and timing of sales.

Terms: - Provides eligible producer groups with guaranteed interest free loans to make advance payments to their members;
- covers all storable crops grown in Canada excepting wheat, oats and barley covered by the Canadian Wheat Board;
- an individual producer may receive an advance of up to $15,000 for all crops produced each year.

Available to: Producer organizations which are legal entities, produce a sizeable portion of the crop within a designated area, show they have the managerial and financial resources to operate the program and do not take possession of the producer's crop immediately after harvest.

Apply to: Operating Programs
Marketing & Economics Branch
Agriculture Canada
Sir John Carling Bldg.
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0C5
Phone: 995-5880

OR

Regional Development Branch
Agriculture Canada
4th Floor, 10179 - 105 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1E2
Phone: 420-4141

2. **Agricultural Products Cooperative Marketing Act (APCMA)**

Purpose: The federal government guarantees bank loans for initial payments and operational costs to primary producers of agricultural products through agreements between the Minister of Agriculture and producer organizations.

Terms: - Most agricultural products are eligible, except crops covered by the Canadian Wheat Board;
- the cooperative group must operate under a plan which gives equal returns to producers for like grade and quality;
- if actual selling prices are higher than the initial payment plus marketing costs then surplus funds are distributed to producers as a final payment;
- if the initial payment exceeds the final selling price then the federal government pays the difference to the marketing group.

Available to: Any producer group organized as a cooperative that has a plan and a pooling system, may apply.

Apply to: Operating Programs
Marketing & Economics Branch
Agriculture Canada
Sir John Carling Bldg.
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0C5
Phone: 995-5880

OR

Regional Development Branch
Agriculture Canada
4th Floor, 10179 - 105 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1E2
Phone: 420-4141

3. **Canadian Agricultural Market Development Fund (CAMDF)**

Purpose: To help develop domestic markets, or stimulate or promote Canada's agricultural and food products in domestic markets.

Terms: The program will contribute up to 50 percent of total costs of projects in three areas.

- feasibility projects to identify the potential for development of market, technical and commercial ventures;
- development projects that help expand markets for new or improved food products through activities such as promotion, distribution, transportation, or product processing innovations;
- Canadian capability projects that help wherever there is a lack of technical, production or marketing capability or skills.

Available to: Most types of organizations can apply, but must demonstrate adequate financial and managerial resources to carry out the obligations under the agreement. Priority is given to projects that will benefit the greatest number of producers.

Apply to: Operating Programs
Marketing & Economics Branch
Agriculture Canada
Sir John Carling Bldg.
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0C5
Phone: 995-5880

Regional Development Branch
Agriculture Canada
4th Floor, 10179 - 105 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1E2
Phone: 420-4141

4. New Crop Development Fund (NCDF)

Purpose: To encourage the growth and efficiency of a diversified crops sector in Canadian agriculture; to evaluate new crops, varieties and production techniques; to assist in the development of new crops, and to accelerate the adoption of new crops and technologies.

Terms: - grants to 7. percent of project cost to a maximum of $500,000.
- for crops with a reasonable chance of commercial success.
- projects to establish a specific commercial enterprise are not eligible.

Available to: Commercial organizations, industrial or producer organizations, universities and other non-profit organizations and provincial and territorial agencies.

Apply to: New Crop Development Fund
Secretariat
Crop Production Division
Regional Development Branch
Agriculture Canada
Sir John Carling Bldg.
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0C5
Phone: 995-5880

Regional Development Branch
Agriculture Canada
4th Floor, 10179 - 105 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1E2
Phone: 420-4141

C. VEGETABLES

1. Market Garden Development Program

Purpose: To increase market garden production of vegetables and small fruit in Alberta.

Terms: The assistance is in the form of a development grant for the purchase of seed, fertilizer, equipment, etc. The grant payment is $750 (only) for a minimum of one hectare of vegetable and/or small fruit production required for eligibility. A producing unit can only receive this form of assistance for a maximum of two years.

Available to: Market gardeners who produce, harvest and sell all produce from a minimum of one hectare of land, fully planted, to vegetables and/or small fruit (excluding potatos).

Apply to: Alberta Horticultural Research Centre,
Bag Service 200,
BROOKS, Alberta,
T0J 0J0

prior to July 1st of the crop year.

2. Fruit and Vegetable Cold Storage Program

Purpose: To assist in the construction or renovation of cold storage facilities to extend the marketing season.

Terms: Assistance - 1/3 of construction costs to a maximum of $500,000.00.

Available to: Groups of three or more primary producers of fruits and vegetables, including associations, cooperatives and limited companies.

Apply to: Operating Programs
Marketing & Economics Branch
Agriculture Canada
Sir John Carling Bldg.
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0C5
Phone: 995-5880

Regional Development Branch
Agriculture Canada
4th Floor, 10179 - 105 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 1E2
Phone: 420-4141

3. Vegetable and Potato Storage Program

Purpose: To improve the productivity and viability of the vegetable industry in Alberta. Loan funds may be used for constructing, modifying or improving new or existing potato and vegetable storage facilities, including ventilation, humidification and refrigeration equipment; for purchasing specialized equipment for produce handling capabilities such as bin loading and unloading equipment, graders, vegetable and potato washing, waxing, grading and handling equipment, but excluding motorized mobile equipment.

Terms: The maximum amount of loan eligible for the incentive rebate is $100,000. This is the same for partnerships or individuals.

The annual incentive to those who qualify will be $70 per $1,000 of the original eligible loan amount for a period of five years. Incentive cannot exceed the total annual interest paid.

An annual inspection of the facility will be made by the A.D.C. loans officer.

Applicants must apply for the incentive annually after a complete installment of principal and interest has been paid. The application must be received within a period of six months of the loan's anniversary date.

Available to: Potato growers licensed by the Alberta Potato Commission. Vegetable growers licensed by the Alberta Fresh Vegetable Marketing Board.

Apply to: Alberta Agricultural Development Corporation loans officer to determine if your project is eligible for the incentive, at which time an application needs to be completed. Funding to complete the project must then be obtained through a lender of your choice under the Alberta Farm Development Loan guarantee.

D) PASTURE

1. Range and Soil Improvement Program

Purpose: To increase farm and ranch income by assisting and promoting land improvement and development measures that will increase land productivity. Eligible projects include:

a) Brushing and/or breaking previously uncultivated land for agricultural purposes.
b) Seeding pasture and haylands to suitable tame species on soils with adequate potential.
c) Purchase and application of agricultural lime or marl to reduce soil acidity (a lime requirement soil test is a prerequisite for this purpose).
d) Deep plowing (18 to 24") of solonetzic soils (prior inspection and approval by Alberta Agriculture Soil Specialist is required).
e) Brush control through mechanical or biological means.
f) Fence construction to facilitate grazing rotations and grazing utilization or to facilitate the use of additional areas by grazing animals.
g) Trails to improve animal access (in bush covered areas).
h) Poisonous plant control and range weed control.
i) Drainage where necessary to develop small depressional areas. (Approval in writing by Alberta Environment may be required).

Terms: The maximum amount of loan eligible for incentive payment is $10,000 for each individual farm or ranch; for partnerships and corporations $10,000 for the first family plus $5,000 for each additional family to a maximum of $20,000. All families must be actively involved in the farming or ranching operation.

For each five years, an incentive of $70/1,000 of the original eligible loan is provided. Incentive cannot exceed the total annual interest paid.

Applicants must apply for the incentive annually after a complete installment of principal and interest has been paid. The application must be received within a period of six months of the loan's anniversary date.

Available to: All farmers or ranchers who own land in the Province of Alberta.

Apply to: Contact your nearest District Agriculturist to determine if your project is eligible for the incentive, at which time an application will be completed. Funding for the project must be obtained through a lender of your choice under the Alberta Farm Development Loan guarantee.

2. Range Improvement Assistance Program

Purpose: Provide incentive to the livestock producer to improve the forage production and utilization of rangelands held under grazing disposition issued by Alberta Energy and Natural Resources.

Terms: The following three separate programs provide assistance to grazing disposition holders:

a. 100% funding of all approved range improvement projects to eligible applicants. Funding of up to $22,000 is available per applicant.

Funding priority will be given to applicants who have a brush encroachment problem or other significant resource-related problem on their grazing disposition, and to small scale farmers or ranchers.

b. A disposition rental credit equivalent to 25% of the cost of range maintenance projects and certain livestock distribution facilities.

c. Exemption from the increase in rental that normally results from the conversion of low quality rangelands, i.e., brush to tame forage. Under this program the disposition holder may also be permitted to grow cereal or oil seed crops for a specific number of years without payment of cropshare.

Available to: Holders of grazing dispositions issued by Alberta Energy and Natural Resources.

Apply to: Range Improvement and Development
Section Public Lands Division Alberta
Energy and Natural Resources
4th Floor, Petroleum Plaza, South Tower
9915 - 108 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5K 2C9 Ph. 427-3598

E) SOIL

1. Agriculture Lime Freight Assistance Program

Purpose: To assist farmers in acid soil areas with the cost of transporting lime or marl, and to promote the development of a provincial agricultural lime industry.

Terms: The government will pay 80% of the transportation costs of hauling agricultural lime in excess of the $5.50 per tonne, and 50% of the cost of transporting marl up to $ 5.50 per cubic meter. Transportation assistance is based on the producer's receipted invoice of transportation costs. Assistance is available to producers who use their own vehicle to transport lime or marl all or part of the distance from a quarry to their farms.

The maximum rates for commercial carriers is as follows:

up to 200 km.	11¢ per tonne/km.	
up to 400 km.	9¢ per tonne/km.	
up to 600 km.	7¢ per tonne/km.	
more than 600 km. ..	5¢/per tonne/km,	except in I.D. 23 where the 7¢ rate applies up to 1,000 km.

Farmers transporting lime for their own use will be allowed 70% of the maximum commercial rate. Maximum assistance is $15,000 per farmer per fiscal year (April 1 to March 31).

Available to: All farmers requiring lime or marl for land application to reduce soil acidity based on a lime requirement test showing an original soil pH of 6.0 or less.

Apply to: Local district agriculturist.

IV. ENERGY

1. Alberta Farm Fuel Distribution Allowance

Purpose: Program is designed to assist Alberta farmers by reducing farm fuel expenses.

Terms: When an Alberta farmer purchases fuel for his farming operation, the price of purple gasoline, purple diesel fuel and purple heating oil is reduced by 7 cents per litre (approximately 32 cents/gal). The reduction is to be shown on the purchase invoice.

Available to: A person engaged in farming operations in Alberta who has furnished the bulk dealer with signed copies of the prescribed declaration.

Apply to: A bulk dealer in fuel oil who carries on business in Alberta.

2. Assistance for Rental or Purchase of Fuel Oil or Propane Tank

Purpose: To offset costs associated with the purchase or rental of fuel oil or propane tanks.

Terms: a. Purchase of fuel oil or propane tank for those individuals to whom natural gas service is not available. A tank purchased after April 30, 1973 is eligible for a grant in the amount of 40% of the cost of the purchase price, up to a maximum of a $500 grant.

b. Rental of a fuel oil or propane tank. A tank rented after April 30, 1973 is eligible for a grant in an amount up to 40% of the cost of rental up to a maximum of a $500 grant.

Proof of payment of purchase or annual rental are necessary for verification.

Available to: a. Rural residents not served with natural gas who have a permanent residence outside the boundaries of a franchise area.

b. Rural residents within a part of a franchise area where a distributor certifies that natural gas is not or was not available at the time of purchase or of rental cost being claimed.

Apply to: Business and Grants Section
Alberta Utilities and Telecommunications
6th Floor, Westcor Building
12323 Stony Plain Road
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5N 3Y9 Ph. 427-0130

3. Canada Oil Substitution Program (C.O.S.P.)

Purpose: This program provides Government of Canada grants to homeowners and businesses to help meet the costs of converting their heating systems from oil to more plentiful domestic energy resources.

Terms: C.O.S.P. has two parts. The first part operates through natural gas utilities to provide grants toward conversions to gas. A second part of C.O.S.P. assists those who choose to convert to energy sources other than gas, such as wood, solar heating or propane (outside natural gas areas).

C.O.S.P. provides taxable grants covering half the eligible costs of materials and labour for conversion of the homeowner's heating system, up to a maximum grant of $800 for single family residences.

Available to: C.O.S.P. grants are available to homeowners and to tenants whose landlords have agreed that the tenants may undertake and pay for conversions. C.O.S.P. grants may also be obtained for conversions by businesses and by non-profit organizations, churches, school boards, hospitals, homes for the aged and libraries. The program applies to conversion of residential and business space heating and water heating systems. Properties such as cottages are not eligible unless they are used as principal residences. Grants for heated swimming pools will be available only for conversion to solar heating.

Apply to: Energy, Mines and Resources Canada
Conservation and Renewable Energy Branch
200 Grandin Park Plaza
22 Sir Winston Churchill Avenue
ST. ALBERT, Alberta
T8N 1B4 Phone: 4204035 or toll free 1-800-222-6477

4. Canadian Home Insulation Program

Purpose: To provide funds for reducing the heat loss through the envelope of Canadian Homes. Specifically, the objective of the program is to reduce residential energy consumption for heating purposes by 30%. This objective is based on the thermal upgrading of 70% of Canadian homes built prior to September 1, 1977 by the year 1987.

Terms: Provides 60% of the cost of approved materials; or approved materials and labour including insulation, vapour barriers, caulking, weatherstripping and improved ventilation up to a maximum of $500. For example, to get the full $500 grant, the homeowner would have to spend $833.33 on materials or would have paid $833.33 to a contractor for labour and materials. Spend less and the grant is reduced accordingly. The grant is taxable.

Available to: A building is eligible if it is a principal residence (vacation homes not included) or a non-profit hostel, three storeys or less in height, and if it was built before September 1, 1977. This applies to mobile homes built before September 1, 1977 also. Insulating contractors must be listed with the Canadian General Standards Board in order to claim for labour. Minimum R-values are in effect. Should you be insulating an attic, a minimum R34 is required; for basements the minimum requirement is R12. (This includes insulation which may be existing in the attic or basement).

Apply to: Homeowners and tenants may apply by calling the CHIP office or through a Canadian General Standards Board listed contractor. An individual application form will be sent to the applicant together with information about the program.

Source of Program: Canadian Home Insulation Program
Box 3030
Edmonton, Alta. T5J 2G6
Telephone: 420-2459 (Edmonton area)
1-800-232-9492 (toll free)

Home Insulation Questions: Enersave's Heatline (toll free 1-800-267-9563)

5. **Federal Excise Tax Refund On Gasoline**

Purpose: Provide lower fuel costs for farmers.

Terms: Excise Tax of 1.5¢/litre after Jan. 1/79 is refundable to farmers for gasoline used in their farming operations. Claims may be submitted at six month intervals for periods ending December 31 and June 30 or when the tax claimable amounts to $200, subject to a maximum of one claim per month.

Applications for refunds must be made within four years of the date of purchase of the gasoline. It is not necessary to submit receipts of vouchers with a claim, but each claimant must retain documentation for audit purposes.

Available to: Individual producers using gasoline for farming operations.

Apply to: Local post office or
Revenue Canada Excise
Calgary Region
470, 220 4 Ave. S.E. OR
CALGARY, Alberta T2P 3B7

District Excise Office
Manulife Building
610, 10055 - 106 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5J 2Y2

6. **New Home Energy Analysis Service**

The HOTCAN computer program designed by the National Research Council in Saskatoon is used to estimate the annual energy costs for new homes at the design stage. People planning to build a home can run different door, window, wall, ceiling and basement R-values through the computer, along with other features such as house orientation, air infiltration rate, heat exchangers, etc. Design information is submitted on special data sheets.

Apply to: Technical Advisor, Conservation & Renewable Energy Office
Energy, Mines & Resource Canada
Room 200, 22 Sir Winston Churchill Avenue
ST. ALBERT, Alberta T8N 1B4
Telephone: 1-800-222-6477 (toll free) or 420-4035

7. **Primary Agricultural Producers Rebate Program**

Purpose: To provide a direct rebate of natural gas costs to consumers engaged in primary agricultural production.

Terms: The program rebates 50¢ per gigajoule on consumption of natural gas of over 300 gigajoules, and up to a maximum of 10,000 gigajoules used by an applicant during a calendar year. The program is retroactive to January 1, 1982 and will terminate on December 31, 1985.

Available to: Agricultural producers engaged in the production of field crops, livestock and poultry operations, greenhouses (including ornamental), irrigation, grain drying, and sod and peat moss farms.

Apply to: Rebates Branch, Alberta Utilities and Telecommunications
2nd Floor, 12323 Stony Plain Road
Edmonton, Alberta T5N 3Y9 Phone: 422-1233

8. Propane Vehicle Grant Program

Purpose: To assist private use vehicles owners, farmers and commercial fleet operators to convert their vehicles to propane.

Terms: This federal program offers a taxable grant of up to $400 for each eligible vehicle either purchased new with a propane fuel system, or converted to propane from gasoline. Conversions of diesel-powered vehicles to mixed diesel propane fuel systems are also eligible for the propane grant as well as dual fuel propane -gasoline vehicles, dedicated propane vehicles. There is no limit on fleetage.

Available to: This program is available to all private citizens and farm vehicle owners as well as some owners of commercial road vehicles such as:

- corporations and individuals carrying on a business in Canada
- certain federal crown corporations
- nonprofit organizations certified by National Revenue Taxation as charitable organizations
- municipalities, regional governments; and boards, commissions and authorities established by them.

Apply to: Energy, Mines and Resources Canada
Conservation and Renewable Energy Branch
200 Grandin Park Plaza
22 Sir Winston Churchill Avenue
ST. ALBERT, Alberta T8N 1B4

phone: 420-4035 or toll free 1-800-222-6477

9. Rebate on Propane and Fuel Oil

Purpose: Provide rebate on propane and fuel oil used for heating if natural gas is not available.

Terms: Effective from October 1, 1980, residents of areas not serviced by a franchised natural gas distributor or those within a franchised area where it is not feasible to hookup at present are eligible for a direct rebate up to 35% on the purchase price of propane and fuel oil.

Propane used for drying grain and in irrigation pumps is also eligible for rebate if natural gas is not available in the volume required or if the units must be portable.

After July 1, 1982 applications for rebate must be received within one year of the date of fuel purchase.

Available to: All Alberta farmers not serviced with natural gas.

Apply to: Director, Rebate Branch
Alberta Utilities and Telecommunications
7th Floor, Westcor Building
12323 Stony Plain Road
EDMONTON, Alberta T5N 3Y9
(403) 427-0122

V. LIVESTOCK

A. GENERAL

1. Anthrax Indemnification Program

Purpose: Compensation to reduce the losses of a farmer whose animals die from this disease.

Terms: The payment for cattle, horses, sheep, swine and goats which have to be destroyed because of this disease is the market value of the animals, subject to limits. As well, free vaccination is provided to treat the herd annually. Confirmation of disease must be done by a federal veterinarian. Compensation is available for confirmed cases up to $500 for cattle, $350 for horses and $200 for sheep, swine and goats.

Available to: Farmers with confirmed cases of Anthrax in their herds.

Apply to: One of the 19 district offices of Health of Animals Branch, Agriculture Canada.

2. Assistance For Livestock Exhibitors

Purpose: To help defray costs and encourage the exhibiting of livestock at major out-of-province shows.

Terms: **Agribition - Regina** - Exhibitors at the Agribition in Regina will receive financial assistance, on the basis of a cash grant per head, as follows:

- breeding cattle - $100 per animal exhibited, or $100 for a cow/calf pair exhibited.
- market steer - $75 per animal.
- goats or swine - $35 per animal.

Toronto Royal Winter Fair Exhibitors at the Royal Winter Fair are eligible for assistance in the form of a cash grant per head basis as follows:

- breeding cattle - $200 per animal or $200 per cow/calf pair exhibited in beef and dairy classes
- horses - $200 per animal shown in breeding classes
- sheep, goats or swine - $70 per animal
- market classes steers - $150 per animal
- market lambs or pigs - $40 per animal

Pacific National Exhibition - Vancouver Exhibitors to the P.N.E. will receive financial assistance only on individual animals and groups of animals which place in their respective classes. This assistance will be equal to the prize money paid for that placing.

Special awards, such as those given by breed associations, will not be duplicated.

Beef and dairy cattle, sheep, goats, swine and horses in nonperformance classes are all eligible for this assistance. Verification of prize money won (e.g. a copy of the fairboard statement) must be provided.

National Sheep Classic Show - Brandon Exhibitors to the Sheep Classic Show in Brandon will receive financial assistance, on the basis of a cash grant per head, as follows:

- breeding sheep - $55 per animal exhibited.

National Western Stock Show - Denver - Exhibitors at the Western National Stock Show are eligible for assistance in the form of a cash grant per animal, as follows:

- beef breeding cattle shown singly - $200 per animal.
- bulls shown in group of 3 or 5 animals - $150 per animal.
- bulls in carload lots - $100 per animal (maximum of 12).

Designated U.S. National Sheep Shows An exhibitor is eligible for assistance to one designated U.S. National Sheep show in a given calendar year. A cash grant, per head of breeding sheep shown, will be paid on a pro-rated basis.

A list of designated show dates is available from the Head of Special Projects Section of the Beef Cattle and Sheep Branch.

Available to: Any breed unit will be eligible for assistance on a maximum of twelve entries. A "breed unit" is defined as all animals of a given breed owned singly or jointly by the exhibitor identified in the show catalogue. An "entry" is defined as an individual animal entered in a single class or as a group of animals entered in a pen class provided they have not also been entered in single classes. For any given breed unit, not more than twenty animals will be eligible for assistance in pen or group classes.

Apply to: Special Projects Section
Beef Cattle and Sheep Branch
Animal Industry Division
Alberta Agriculture
7000, 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 phone: 427-5335

3. Livestock Predator Compensation Program

Purpose: Compensation for loss of cattle, swine, sheep, goats and poultry due to predation.

Terms: Payment is based on 80% of the slaughter value or normal commercial market value of animals at the time of loss. Slaughter value compensation for confirmed losses is established by a committee. Predator kill must be verified by a public official.

There is also partial payment on probable losses associated with confirmed losses (i.e. losses claimed by the farmer, although not proved or confirmed by a public official).

Apply to: Local District Agriculturist, agricultural fieldmen, fish and wildlife officer, practising veterinarian, predator specialist, or

Chairman,
Livestock Disaster and Predator Compensation Program
Alberta Agriculture
7000, 113 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta.
T6H 5T6

4. Rabies Indemnification Program

Purpose: Compensation for livestock that die or have to be destroyed because of rabies.

Terms: There is no provision for the payment of compensation under the Animal Disease Protection Act; however, in some provinces an arrangement has been entered into between the federal and provincial governments to pay an indemnity for loss of domestic livestock due to rabies.

A certificate, indicating death due to rabies, is completed by a full-time veterinarian. The diagnosis may be based on clinical or laboratory findings.

Available to: Persons whose animals contract rabies.

Apply to: Veterinary Inspection and Operations, Agriculture Canada. The diagnosis is based on laboratory findings. The lab work is done at A.D.R.I., Lethbridge. District Veterinarians do not confirm the diagnosis; this is the lab's function.

5. Tuberculosis/Brucellosis Compensation Program
And Johne's Disease Assistance

Purpose: Compensation and advisory assistance for animals that have to be destroyed because of these diseases.

Terms: Compensation is paid on the following basis:
- Grade Beef Cattle up to $1,000
- Grade Dairy Cattle up to $1,200
- Purebred Beef Cattle up to $1,500
- Purebred Dairy Cattle up to $1,800

This compensation is made up of a combination of the salvage value of the carcass plus a government grant. If the salvage value of the carcass is more than the specific allocation, no additional government grant is made.

Disease must be confirmed by a meat inspector or federal veterinarian.

Johne's Disease is not a reportable disease and is the responsibility of the practitioner. Health of Animals Branch is involved in an advisory capacity only, and no direct compensation will be paid. The Branch will furnish the reagent for the intradermal test and will give advice to the stockman and his veterinarian.

Available to: Farmers with livestock contacting tuberculosis, brucellosis, or Johne's Disease.

Apply to: Health of Animals Branch, Agriculture Canada at one of 19 district offices in Alberta.

6. Records of Performance Programs

Purpose: To identify superior genetic material so producers can improve the productivity, efficiency and quality of Canadian livestock.

Terms: Federal program

ROP Dairy
Cattle-productivity of individual cows is measured for enrolled herds. Efficiency and superiority of dairy sires are assessed and data for use of industry are published. Programs based on ROP include sire appraisal, registration of male purebred, ROP show-ring requirements and research.

Federal-Provincial Programs

ROP Beef
Program includes federal-provincial tests on average daily gains and 365 day weights. Contributions are available for station testing of pre-selected bulls and for progeny testing.

ROP Swine
Boars and gilts are tested for backfat thickness and age at 200 pounds (home test). Performance information is issued quarterly for sows and boars. Seven swine testing stations, owned and operated by Agriculture Canada, are utilized in the program. Emphasis is on boar and sire progeny tests.

ROP Sheep
Home and station testing. Provides a lamb performance index and ewe productivity index based on total pounds of lamb produced.

Available to: Livestock producers.

Apply to: Food Production & Inspection
Livestock Division
Agriculture Canada
Sir John Carling Bldg.
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0C5
Phone: 992-2114

OR

Animal Industry Division
Alberta Agriculture
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5T6
Phone: 427-2727

Food Production & Inspection
Livestock Division
Agriculture Canada
8th Floor, 9820 - 107 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 1G2
Phone: 425-9820

B) BEES

Beeyard Compensation Program

Purpose: Compensate for the loss of beehives and equipment due to bear activity.

Terms: All losses must be reported to Fish & Wildlife within 24 hours, so that they can carry out bear control. Payment is based on 80% of the assessed loss.

Available to: Claimant must be a registered beekeeper in the Province of Alberta, have at least forty hives, and the beeyard must be fenced with an electrified fence.

Apply to: A Fish & Wildlife Officer, Departmental Predator Specialist, District Agriculturist, Agricultural Fieldman or Departmental Apiculturist.

For details and claim forms contact: Dr. G.W. Summers, Chairman

Alberta Agriculture
Animal Health Division
Box 8070, Postal Station F.
EDMONTON, Alberta
T6H 4P2

C. DAIRY

Federal Dairy Subsidy Program

Purpose: Payments are made to dairy producers to compensate for the difference between the market price and the cost of production.

Terms: Subsidy for 1983-84 is $6.03 per hectolitre on industrial milk with butter of 3.6 kilograms per hl. or $1.675 per kg. of butterfat less a within-quota levy of $5.14/hl. to create funds to subsidize the export of skim milk powder.

Available to: Producers must hold a market share quota. Maximum production per individual is 18,000 kg. of butterfat or in the case of partnerships, multiples of 18,000 kg. per partner, with maximum of three partners or shareholders.

Apply to: For further information (quota transfer, etc.) contact:

Alberta Dairy Control Board
5201 50 Avenue
WETASKIWIN, Alberta
T9A 0S7

D. HOGS

Pork Producers Market Insurance Program

Purpose: To provide a voluntary producer contributory plan for assuring a specific level of return related to certain production costs for market hogs produced in Alberta.

Terms: The program is effective from July 1, 1981 to March 31, 1985. Alberta Agriculture has funded the program with a one-time grant at the outset. Premiums were fixed at 2.5% of gross hog sales at the outset, and are now adjusted down to 1% or up to 4% each quarter throughout the program, as deemed necessary by the administrators. Feed costs are assessed monthly, and a return of feed costs plus $66 per hog (basis July, 1981) is guaranteed, with the $66 aspect adjusted quarterly by indices for nonfeed production costs. Sows, stags, deads, condemned and hogs indexing less than 80 are excluded.

Available to: All eligible individuals, societies and companies who raise and market hogs in Alberta. Producers must have been enrolled by September 18, 1981 and, thereafter only new producers will be admitted who have not previously sold market hogs in Alberta after July 1, 1981 to present. The producer and the operation has its eligibility determined by its production status since July 1, 1981; if the operation was not producing hogs as of July 1, 1981 or after, the operation or the producer is eligible to join the program.

Apply to: P.P.M.I.P. Administrator
Alberta Pork Producers Marketing Board
10319 Princess Elizabeth Avenue
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5G 0Y5
Ph. 474-8288

Pork Industry Branch
Alberta Agriculture
J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T6H 5T6

or contact your district agriculturist or regional swine specialist.

E) HORSES

Swamp Fever Of Horses (Equine Infectious Anemia)

Purpose: Compensation for horses that have to be destroyed because of swamp fever.

Terms: Maximum payment of $200 per head, plus salvage value of the animal.

Diagnosis of swamp fever is done by the use of Coggin's test and the result is confirmed by a federal veterinarian.

Available to: Persons with horses contracting Swamp Fever.

Apply to: Health of Animals Branch, Agriculture Canada at one of 19 district offices in Alberta.

F) POULTRY

Newcastle Disease In Poultry

Purpose: Compensation for losses of poultry that die from Newcastle Disease.

Terms: Compensation for losses of birds and eggs is based on the market value as determined by an inspector.

Available to: Farmers whose poultry is infected with Newcastle Disease.

Apply to: Health of Animals Branch, Agriculture Canada. Disease must be confirmed by a federal veterinarian at one of 19 district offices in Alberta.

G) SHEEP

Sheep Producer's Incentive Program

Purpose: To improve the productivity and viability of the sheep industry in Alberta by making financing available with special terms and conditions.

Loan funds may be used for purchase or modification of specialized equipment required for sheep production; construction, alteration or repair of buildings used in sheep production, including feedlot facilities; construction, alteration or repair of electric pagewire, wooden or barbed wire fences and corrals; purchase of breeding stock; other purposes approved by A.D.C.

Terms: The maximum amount of loan eligible for the incentive payment is $40,000.

Incentive payments of $70/$1,000 of original loan amount eligible is paid annually over a period of five years. Incentive cannot exceed the total annual interest paid by the applicant under this program.

Available to: An established or potential sheep producer residing within the province of Alberta who is the owner or operator of a farming or ranching enterprise.

Apply to: Alberta Agricultural Development Corporation loans officer who determines the eligibility for the rebate. Applicants must apply for the incentive annually after a complete installment or principal and interest has been paid. The application must be received within a period of six months of the loan's anniversary date. Funding to complete the project must be obtained through a lender of your choice under the Alberta Farm Development Loan guarantee.

VI. P.F.R.A. RURAL WATER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Purpose: To provide technical and financial assistance to bona fide farmers and ranchers in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta for the development of on-farm water sources.

Eligibility:

1. The applicant must be a bona fide farmer or rancher, and the project must be located on a bona fide farm or ranch, on land owned or controlled by the applicant. For the purpose of this program, a bona fide farmer or rancher is a person who is recognized as such for income tax purposes. Individuals whose major source of income is not farming, and who carry out "minor farming activities" with no reasonable expectation of profit, are NOT ELIGIBLE.

2. Prior to any development being undertaken, application must be made to PFRA on appropriate application form, or by personally contacting one of the PFRA Soil & Water Conservation Service Offices. Failure to comply with this requirement could render prospective recipients ineligible for a contribution.

3. Applicant is required to construct projects according to established standards and specifications provided by PFRA and various provincial government agencies.

4. Projects requiring authorization by provincial Water Rights Branch must be approved by the provincial branch prior to financial contribution being recommended.

NOTE: This policy will be in effect from April 1, 1984 to March 31, 1985. Applications for wells, dugouts and other source development projects (not requiring water rights approval) completed during this period will be accepted until March 31, 1986.

Terms: Financial assistance will be provided on the basis of one-third of eligible costs or specified unit prices (whichever is less) to the maximums stated below. As detailed below, unit prices will be applied for some items of work or material.

Unit Price Maximums: Earthwork - $0.27 per cubic metre ($0.21 per cubic yard). Materials - one-third of the cost of approved materials.

Individual Stockwatering Dams, Dugouts and Other Source Developments Financial Assistance will be provided on the basis of one-third of eligible costs or specified unit prices (whichever is less) to a maximum of $1650.00 per stockwatering dam, dugout or other source development.

Dugouts shall be at least 1,911 cubic metres (2,500 cubic yds) in size to qualify for a financial contribution. The dugout must have a minimum depth of 3.65 metres (12 feet) for pasture use and 4.27 metres (14 feet) for dugouts used as a year-round supply (i.e. farmstead supply).

Eligible costs include earthwork, pipeline installation, rock, sand, gravel, concrete, culverts, water control gates, plastic pipe, or any other approved material used in construction of the project.

Individual Farm Wells Small Diameter wells (normally rotary, cable-tool or jetted). One third of eligible costs or $21.00 per metre ($6.40 per foot) of cased depth (including length of screen) whichever is less.

Large Diameter Wells (normally bored or excavated). One-third of eligible costs or $50.00 per metre ($15.24 per foot) of cribbed depth plus one-third the cost of a large diameter screen, whichever is less.

The maximum contribution for any one well will be $1650.00. Eligible costs include cribbing, casing, screens, development, pump-testing, etc., but does not include pumps, power or any other equipment used to draw water from the well.

Individual and Neighbour Irrigation Projects Financial assistance will be provided on the basis of one-third of eligible costs or specified unit prices (which ever is less) to a maximum of $2,200 per project. Eligible costs include earth-work, rock, sand, gravel, concrete, culverts, water control structures, aluminum or plastic pipe, sprinkler equipment, pumps, motors, or any other approved material or equipment.

Where two or more farmers jointly develop an irrigation project, the total financial assistance per project will be based on unit prices or one-third of eligible costs, whichever is less, to a maximum of $2,200 per applicant.

IMPORTANT: Applicants for contributions are required to present invoices for materials or services, and if applicable, Well Driller's Log or Report are to be included as eligible costs for purposes of calculating contributions.

Group Projects: Subject to the availability of funds and departmental approval, financial and technical assistance will be available to groups of bona fide farmers and ranchers (five or more) in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta for the development of water sources for domestic, livestock or irrigation uses.

Contributions for approved projects will be based on 50 percent (50%) of eligible costs to a maximum of $15,000; however, consideration will be given to projects where Canada's share would exceed this level.

Eligible projects will include any type of source development and the conveyance works to the point of use, but will exclude land and treatment or distribution works. Shareable costs include all services, materials and labour required for the development of water sources.

Available to: Bona fide farmers and ranchers for the development of on-farm water sources. Technical assistance is provided at no charge to locate, investigate, survey, design and inspect water source development projects and irrigation projects.

Apply to: PFRA Soil & Water Conservation Services Offices located in:

Hanna, Alberta	(854-4448)	Red Deer, Alberta	(346-8958)
Lethbridge, Alberta	(327-4410)	Peace River, Alberta	(624-3386)
Westlock, Alberta	(349-3963)	Medicine Hat, Alberta	(526-2429)
Vegreville, Alberta	(632-2919)		

VII. OTHER

1. Alberta Heritage Fund Mortgage Interest Reduction Program

Purpose: To shield Alberta homeowners from high mortgage interest rates.

Terms: For unrenewed mortgages existing prior to September 1, 1982:
interest rates below 19-1/2% will be reduced from the actual rate to 12-1/2%. Interest rates above 19-1/2% will be treated as if they were 19-1/2%.

For new mortgages and mortgages renewed after September 1, 1982:
interest rates will be reduced from the actual rate to 12-1/2%. (Interest rates above an average market rate will be treated as if they were at the deemed market rate).

- Mortgage amounts up to $ 60,000 in mortgage principal registered at land titles or Central Registry are eligible.
- The homeowner pays the regular mortgage payments to the mortgage company but receives a monthly cheque from Alberta Government for the eligible interest reduction benefits.
- This is a two year program with benefit payments beginning September 1, 1982 and CONCLUDING AUGUST 31, 1984.
- Eligible principal does not include the portion of the mortgage being used as a deduction for income tax purposes.

Available to: All homeowners resident in Alberta with mortgages on their principal residence at interest rates greater than 12-1/2%.

All types of permanent buildings are eligible including mobile homes on rented land. Only one benefit per household will be paid even if you or your spouse own a second home.

Apply to: Application forms are available at financial institutions including banks and Treasury Branches and at Provincial Buildings throughout the Province.

For further information write:

The Director
Mortgage Assistance Branch
Alberta Housing and Public Works
P.O. Box 4020
Edmonton, Alberta
T6E 4S8 or phone:

Edmonton residents can phone 422-4400
Calgary residents can phone (toll free) 1-800-642-3811

Residents in other Alberta locations can phone (toll free) 1-800-642-3822

2. **Home Adaptation Program (H.A.P.)**

Purpose: Provides a grant of $1,000 to homeowners, tenants or landlords who are wheelchair users or who have a wheelchair user residing with the eligible applicant. This grant is for adaptations which will provide the wheelchair access to his/her residency and provide moveability within the unit.

Available to: Homeowners and Tenants - Must be confined to a wheelchair. Must have resided in Alberta for the past year. The current adjusted family income must not exceed $25,500 per year. The tenant's landlord must agree in writing with proposal to adapt home.
Landlords - Willingness to make adaptations to an existing or proposed construction of a residential building to accommodate one or more wheelchair users.

Apply to: Applications and brochures may be picked up from the Home Improvement Branch. For further information please contact:

Alberta Department of Housing
Home Improvement Branch
11156 Jasper Avenue
Box 2453
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3B8
Tel: Edmonton, 427-5760 or contact your long distance operator and ask for Zenith 22093.

3. **Alberta Property Tax Reduction Program**

Purpose: The program is designed to reduce property tax burden by removing the provincial education tax on farmland, and ensuring the family farm home owner receives additional homeowner benefit where eligible.

Terms: The homeowner benefit allows owners (under 65 years of age) to receive a credit equal to the difference between the provincial education tax removed and the lesser of either $200.00 or municipal taxes. When the owner is over 65 years, or widow/widowers 55-64 years receiving the Alberta Widows Pension, or widow/widowers 60-64 whose deceased spouse was 65, benefit equals the difference between the provincial education tax removed and the lesser of either $1,000.00 or municipal taxes. This benefit is credited to the property tax account.

Available to: The owner of a residence or mobile home and farmland which has been assessed and taxed. Additional homeowner benefit is calculated on home quarter only.

Apply to: The removal of the provincial education tax is automatic as shown on the tax notice. Application for the additional homeowner benefit must be made annually at the local municipal office.

4. **Alberta Summer Farm Employment Program** (Subject to Annual Government Renewal).

Purpose: To provide farm work experience for Alberta Youth from July 4th to August 31, 1984.

Terms: The government will pay up to a maximum of $300 or one-half of the youth's monthly salary whichever is least, and the employer's contributions to CPP and UIC. Applicants must be at least 15 years old and have written consent of their parents if they are under 18. They must also be a resident of Alberta and must be legally entitled to work in Canada. In addition, they must be prepared to attend one of Alberta Agriculture's farm safety seminars.

Available to: Any Alberta farmer is eligible to employ a youth under the program, providing the applicant is not a member of the employer's family.

Apply to: Employer and employee application forms can be obtained from any district agriculturist or Canada Farm Labour Pool office.

5. **Alberta Youth Employment Program**

Purpose: To provide work experience opportunities within the private sector for unemployed Alberta youth.

Terms: Between May 1 and October 31, the Government will pay 50% of the youth's wages to a maximum of $2.50 per hour, for a minimum of three months. Employees must be legally entitled to work in Canada, and may not be a member of the employer's immediate family.

Available to: Any potential employer in Alberta, including farmers.

Apply to: Application packages available from Employment Development Offices of Alberta Manpower and from Regional Offices of the Small Business Division of Tourism and Small Business.

6. **The Canada-Alberta Subsidiary Agreement on Nutritive Processing Assistance**

Purpose: To help develop the agricultural processing industry and thereby enhance economic activity and balanced growth across Alberta.

Terms: Provides capital grants to processing and research operations. Grants can be up to 35 percent of eligible capital for new projects and 20 percent for modernization and expansion or research projects.
An application form has to be completed before the project is committed.

The project has to be located at least 10 miles from the border of Edmonton or Calgary, except for research projects.

At least 20 percent equity required.

Applications have to be received by September 30, 1985.

Available to: Operations that process products of nutritional value to animals or humans.

Processing operations that use products of plant or animal origin.

Private research and development facilities engaged in research of nutritive products or processing operations.

Apply to: Rural Development
Alberta Agriculture
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6
Telephone: 427-4287

7. Disaster Assistance Program

Purpose: Program administered by Alberta Disaster Services which may provide financial assistance to municipalities and individuals in the case of emergencies and disasters. Disaster assistance to individuals is not intended to provide full compensation for damage and loss, but to aid in recovery from the occurrence. Municipalities, however, may have total costs covered.

Guidelines: Before losses and damages or municipal expenditures may qualify for assistance, the following guidelines will be considered in assessing the need for same:

- the losses and damage have been so devastating as to threaten the economic survival of an individual or business;
- assistance would be in the public interest;
- in a municipality, an unusual amount of non-insurable loss and damage has affected a number of people;
- events causing damage or loss were extremely unusual as classified by a competent authority. For example, historical records, evaluated by Alberta Environment, indicate a weather related event may be classified as extremely unusual;
- the health, safety or welfare of the affected citizen or citizens have been at risk;
- persons directly affected and/or municipal authorities acted prudently and appropriately to protect property and minimize damage when, and if, warning was given.

Available to: All.

Apply to: Alberta Disaster Services
10320 - 146 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T5N 3A2
Telephone: 427-2772

8. Federal Sales Tax Exemption

Purpose: Provide farmers with production inputs without payment of sales tax.

Terms: Farmers who are producers of unconditionally exempt products are entitled to purchase machinery apparatus and parts thereof, for use directly in the manufacture or production of goods, without payment of sales tax.

Exemption is done by quoting the following certificate of exemption on their purchase order:

We certify that the goods ordered/imported hereby are to be used as outlined in Section 1, 3, and 4 of Part XIII of Schedule III of the Excise Tax Act.

_____
Signature of Purchaser

An "End Use" description should be given with this certificate. "End Use" is a term used to indicate the location and purpose for which the materials or equipment are purchased.

Pipe, pipe fittings and valves, hose, electric wire, cable and conduit and multi-purpose materials, such as lumber and steel, must be purchased on a tax-paid basis. The tax paid is subject to refund when these goods are incorporated into production equipment.

For specific details please contact Revenue Canada - Excise. Examples of exempt equipment are: farrowing crates, drainage tile and granaries, but not other buildings.

Available to: Farmers who are producers of unconditionally exempt products.

Apply to:

Revenue Canada Excise
P.O. Box 2525, Station M
CALGARY, Alberta
T2P 3B7
Telephone: 231-5672

or

District Excise Office
Manulife Building
610, 10055 - 106 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta
T5J 2Y2 Telephone: 420-3420

9. Mobile Home Loan Insurance Program

Purpose: To provide approved lenders with investment loss protection in the event that payments on mobile home loans are not met by the borrower. AHMC underwrites the program. Because the insurance reduces the risk to the financial institution, lenders may be able to provide up to 85 percent financing towards the purchase and set-up of a mobile home to an overall maximum of $40,000 and may also offer a more favorable interest rate and longer amortization period.

Terms: Assistance to mobile homeowners is provided indirectly. Because of the reduced risk to the lender, financial institutions are able to provide more favorable lending terms.

Available to: An eligible mobile home is one that:

a) is new or used
b) is single or double wide
c) meets the appropriate CSA (Canadian Building Standards) building code
d) is not permanently affixed to a site
e) is on property the mobile homeowner owns, rents or has written permission to use
f) is a permanent residence
g) is located in Alberta

Apply to: Financial institutions contact AHMC.
Individuals contact their lender.

For information about the location of the nearest branch contact:

Alberta Home Mortgage Corporation
Head Office
500, 112 Professional Centre
10050 - 112 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2L7
Phone: 482-9222

10. Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP)

a) Home Repairs

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to homeowners for home repairs.

Terms: A RRAP loan of up to $10,000 of which as much as $5,000 may be non-repayable is available for repairs that bring a home up to health and safety standards. The amount of the repayable loan depends on "adjusted" family income.

Available to: Homeowners in selected rural and urban areas. Homes must be deficient in at least one of the following areas: structural soundness; electrical system, plumbing, heating system; or fire safety.

Apply to: Your Municipality, RRAP Delivery Agent, or local Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) office.

For further information, contact the nearest office of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, offices are located at:

Calgary	P.O. Box 2560	T2P 2N9	265-6860
Edmonton	P.O. Box 1273	T5J 2M8	482-3431
Lethbridge	P.O. Box 907	T1J 3Z8	328-5581
Red Deer	P.O. Box 606	T4N 5G6	343-6677
Medicine Hat	P.O. Box 668	T1A 7G6	526-5237
Grande Prairie	Rm. 210 11402-100 St.	T8V 2N5	532-3720

b) **Alterations for a Disabled Occupant (RRAP)**

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to homeowners for alterations which will make homes more accessible to disabled persons.

Terms: A RRAP loan up to $10,000 of which as much as $ 5,000 may be non-repayable is available to adapt a home for a disabled occupant. However, if the alterations are combined with other RRAP home repairs, a loan of up to $13,000 of which as much as $ 6,500 is forgiveable is available. The amount of the repayable loan depends on "adjusted" family income.

Available to: A homeowner who is a permanent resident in a home in which one or more disabled persons is (or intends to become) a resident. Work on the home must satisfy "Building Standards for the Handicapped".

Apply to: Your Municipality, RRAP Delivery Agent or local Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) office.

For further information, contact the nearest office of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, offices are located at:

Calgary	P.O.Box 2560	T2P 2N9	265-6860
Edmonton	P.O.Box 1273	T5J 2M8	482-3431
Lethbridge	P.O.Box 907	T1J 3Z8	328-5581
Red Deer	P.O.Box 606	T4N 5G6	343-6677
Medicine Hat	P.O.Box 668	T1A 7C6	526-5237
Grande Prairie	Rm. 210 11402 - 100 St.	T8V 2N5	532-3720

11. **Senior Citizens Home Heating Protection Plan**

Purpose: To assist senior citizens with home heating costs.

Terms: A rebate of $100 for each calendar year paid directly to eligible persons. The benefits of this program are retroactive to January 1, 1982 and extend through to December 31, 1984.

Available to: Individuals who are 65 years and older or between the age of 60 - 64 and whose deceased spouse was 65 years or older at the time of death are eligible. Widows and widowers who qualify under the Widows' Pension Act are also eligible. Eligible persons must own and live in their own home for at least 120 days during the calendar year.

Apply to: Rebates are mailed automatically to individuals who qualify for and receive the Alberta Property Tax Reduction Benefit in respect to their property taxes. Persons who do not qualify for the Alberta Property Tax Reduction Benefit but own and live in their residence for 120 days in a calendar year may apply for their rebate on a special application at local municipal tax offices of the Rebates Branch.

Further Information: Contact the following agency:

Alberta Utilities and Telecommunications
Rebates Branch
3rd Floor, Westcor Building
12323 Stony Plain Road
Edmonton, Alberta
T5N 3Y9
Telephone: 422-4098

12. **Seniors' Home Improvement Program (S.H.I.P.)**

Program: Provides grants of up to $3,000 to senior citizen homeowners, to repair or improve their homes. The grant amount is dependent upon combined income of applicant and spouse for the last calendar year.

Eligibility: Homeowners, at least 65 years of age or widow/widowers aged 55 to 64. The home must be the principal place of residence for at least nine months per year. Must have lived in Alberta for one year prior to the date of application, and be a Canadian Citizen or Landed Immigrant, and have at least ten years residency in Canada. Only one grant per household is eligible.

Apply to: Applications and brochures can be picked up from any Treasury Branch, participating financial institutions or the Home Improvement Branch. For further information please contact:

Alberta Department of Housing
Home Improvement Branch
11156 Jasper Avenue
Box 2453
Edmonton, Alberta
T5J 3B8
Telephone: Edmonton 427-5760

or contact your long distance operator and ask for Zenith 22093.

VIII. ALBERTA HOKKAIDO AGRICULTURE EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Purpose: The purpose of the program is to provide an exchange of people involved in agriculture and thereby improve the sharing of technical information and the cultural and social understanding between Alberta and Japan.

Terms: Participants will be practising farmers, agricultural students or individuals serving as educators of the above groups, who are 18 years of age or over and willing to support the purpose of the exchange. The duration of the exchange is expected to be one full year for farmers but may be flexible for other participants.

Exchangees may receive financial assistance during participation in the exchange. Assistance, if provided, is the responsibility of the originating country.

Available to: Technical and/or professional agriculturists 18 years of age or over.

Apply to: Extension Services Branch
Alberta Agriculture
2nd. Floor J.G. O'Donoghue Building
7000 - 113 Street
EDMONTON, Alberta T6H 5T6

Benefits: Broadening of views and better understanding of the cultures of our neighbours, and fellow agriculturists and others in the associated countries of the world in general. This is particularly true for the exchangees but also applies to a lesser extent to the host families in the recipient country.

Increased trade is a fringe benefit as buyers prefer to deal with a culture and people they trust and respect.

IX. PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Purpose: Provide comprehensive study programs in the agricultural field.

Lethbridge Community College, Fairview College, Olds College, and the Vermilion Campus Lakeland College offer comprehensive programs of study to prepare students for careers in most fields of agriculture for both on- and off-farm employment. To demonstrate their interest in the work of these institutions, a number of business firms, organizations and individuals have made considerable financial assistance available to students.

As well as on campus studies, there are correspondence courses available at Olds College and Lakeland College.

Olds Correspondence Courses:

1. Introduction to Farm Accounting
2. Advanced Farm Accounting, Income Tax and Estate Planning.
3. Introduction to Farm Management
4. Introduction to Marketing Agricultural Products
5. Farm Finance
6. Horticulture for the Home Gardener
7. Small Engines
8. Air Photo Use.(available by 1984)

Olds College and the University of Guelph have a cooperative arrangement whereby each institution has the right to use courses offered by the other. There are enough Guelph courses available through Olds to offer the entire Ontario Horticulture Diploma Program by correspondence. Course details available from Olds College, (556-8355) Correspondence Division.

Lakeland Courses:

1. Ground Maintenance
2. Pesticides Dealer
3. Pesticides Applicator
4. Welding
5. Retail Nursery and Garden Centre

The Lethbridge Community College offers an Agricultural Mechanics program which is a one year program with admission in October. There is also a two-year Agricultural Technology program with admission in October or January. The five majors in this program are:

1. General Agriculture
2. Animal Production
3. Crop Production
4. Irrigation
5. Farm Financial Management.

A large variety of bursaries, scholarships and prizes of varying amounts are available to students. For more information contact the above colleges.

Available to: Students enrolling or enrolled in programs of study at the agricultural colleges.

Apply to: The registrars at the colleges:

Fairview College Fairview, Alberta TOH 1LO 835-2213	Olds College Olds, Alberta TOM IPO 556-8281	Vermilion Campus Lakeland College VERMILION, Alberta TOB OMO 853-2971	Lethbridge College 3000 College Drive S. LETHBRIDGE, Alberta T1K 1L6 320-3280

X. ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO ALBERTA FARMERS

NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROGRAM	CONTACT
1. AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICES Advice on all types of agricultural engineering problems. (i.e. farm buildings, farmstead planning, materials handling and processing, energy, livestock waste management, soil and water management and farm power and machinery and mechanization.	Regional Agricultural Engineers and/or Regional Agricultural Engineering Technologists or Head Engineering Field Services Branch Alberta Agriculture 7000 - 113 Street Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2181
2. AGRICULTURAL LAW SOLICITORS The agricultural public --farmers and farm organizations, agribusiness and government personnel use this office as an information resource and counselling center for interpreting agricultural laws. Such information is disseminated throughout all the communication medias, prepare opinions, letters, telephone calls, personal interviews both in office and in district agriculturists' offices and farm law lectures.	Agricultural Law Solicitors Alberta Agriculture Agriculture Center Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 4C7 Telephone: 329-5131 or 2nd. Floor, J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg. 7000 - 113 Street Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2402

NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROGRAM	CONTACT
3. ALBERTA FARM IMPLEMENT ACT ADMINISTRATION	
Is responsible for licensing farm implement dealers and distributors in Alberta. The inspectors assist farmers in: - settling warranty complaints - procuring emergency repair parts, back-order parts and parts for farm equipment not available in Alberta.	Inspectors, Alberta Farm Implement Act, Administration Edmonton Telephone: 427-2188 Olds - Telephone: 556-4223 or Engineer, Alberta Farm Implement Act, Administration J.G. O'Donoghue Buildg. 7000 - 113 Street Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2188
4. ALBERTA 4-H PROGRAM	
To facilitate information education opportunities for rural youth. Information in 30 different areas is available and members are encouraged to enhance their inter-personal skills through public speaking programs, workshops, seminars, camps and various recreational events.	Head 4-H Branch Alberta Agriculture 2nd. Floor, J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg. 7000 - 113 Street Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2541
5. ALBERTA GREEN CERTIFICATE FARM TRAINING PROGRAM	
A unique apprenticeship-type educational program to develop potential farm workers, foremen/ herdsmen and farm managers. Candidates must be prepared to pursue an employment-centered program of training, leading to a career in the agricultural industry.	Farm Training Specialists in Lethbridge, Airdrie, Red Deer Vermilion, Barrhead, Fairview, Bonneyville, District Agriculturists or, Supervisor, Farm Training Section Alberta Agriculture 2nd. Floor J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg. 7000 - 113 Street Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-217
6. CROP IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM	
Designed to provide information on cropping procedures, production and marketing of cereals, oilseeds, forage and special crops.	Supervisor, Cereal Crops Supervisor, Oilseed Crops Supervisor, Special Crops Supervisor, Forages Supervisor, Range Management Field Crops Branch Alberta Agriculture 5718 - 56 Avenue, Bag #47 Lacombe, Alberta TOC 1SO Telephone: 782-4641 or Edmonton Telephone: 423-4216

7. DISTRICT AGRICULTURIST SERVICES

Provide professional counsel to local farmers and agribusiness in the areas of crop, livestock and other agricultural production, farm management, marketing, credit and the implications of government policy. Offer informational and educational programs, publications and information on all aspects of agriculture relating to the local district.

Local District Agriculturist
Director, Extension Division
Alberta Agriculture
2nd Floor J. G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2402

8. DISTRICT HOME ECONOMIST SERVICE

Extend home economics information and education services to help people develop their abilities to manage their resources. Offer programs, publications and individual counselling in family resource management, foods, nutrition, clothing, textiles, housing and leadership development.

Local District Home Economist
or
Head, Home Economics Branch
Alberta Agriculture
2nd. Floor, J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2412

9. FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT BRANCH

To provide advice and information on matters such as business arrangements, estate planning, leasing, credit management, analysis of records, farm taxation, computer information and farm budgeting, as well as Managing Agricultural Technology For Profit-- a three day seminar held annually in Banff.

Head,
Farm Business Management Branch
Alberta Agriculture
Box 2000
5030 - 50 Street
Olds, Alberta
TOM 1PO Telephone: 556-4240

10. FEED TESTING SERVICE

To analyze feedstuffs for primary producers, provide recommendations for ration requirements and recommendations for crop production problems.

Director, Soil and Feed Testing
Laboratory
Alberta Agriculture
6909 - 116 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 4P2 Telephone: 436-9150

11. INTERNATIONAL MARKETING

Develop, coordinate and implement policies and programs that will optimize exports of agricultural commodities, processed products and technical services from Alberta; define and evaluate export opportunities; establish lines of communication; provide promotional, financial and sales contract assistance to Alberta suppliers.

Assistant Deputy Minister
International Marketing
Alberta Agriculture
3rd. Floor, J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000- 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-4241

12. FARM IRRIGATION DEVELOPMENT, CONSULTATION AND SERVICES

Assist in the implementation and maintenance of functional farm irrigation systems by providing planning, design and advisory information and service. Such information is disseminated throughout all the communication medias, personal interviews both in farm and the offices of the Irrigation Specialists and District Agriculturists province-wide.

Irrigation Branch
Irrigation & Conservation Division
Alberta Agriculture
Agriculture Centre
Lethbridge, Alberta
T1J 4C7

13. LIVESTOCK REGULATORY SERVICE

Responsible for the registration, renewal and transfer of cattle and horse brands; maintains and provides information from brand inspection records; licenses livestock dealers, agents and stockyards to protect livestock producers from unscrupulous trade practices; maintains and coordinates current information on all missing and stolen livestock; provides information on proper branding and identification practices; prepares and issues provincial brand books.

Co-ordinator
Regulatory Services
Alberta Agriculture
4809 48 Street
Stettler, Alberta
TOC 2LO Telephone: 742-3034

14. MARKETING SERVICES DIVISION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

To support and encourage the growth and development of Alberta's commodity, feed, food and beverage industry. Basically available to agricultural producers who wish to venture into processing. Each project is assessed on an individual basis and judged on its feasibility.

Director,
Marketing Services Division
Alberta Agriculture
3rd. Floor, J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-3166

15. MUNICIPAL SEED CLEANING PLANT PROGRAM

Designed to provide high quality seed cleaning and minimize the spread of weed seeds - three programs:

- establishment cost sharing
- upgrading cost sharing
- replacement cost sharing

Authorized under the Agricultural Service Board Act.

Supervisor
Cereal and Oilseed Crops
Alberta Agriculture
Bag Service # 47
Lacombe, Alberta
TOC 1SO Telephone: 782-4641

16. ON-FARM DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM

To enable producer organizations to become involved in regional on-farm testing and demonstration of new farm technology.
Any producer or farm organization with an innovative idea for a demonstration that could benefit farmers in the region or the agricultural industry as a whole can apply for a grant under this program.

Local District Agriculturist
or
The Secretary
Agricultural Research Council
of Alberta
3rd. Flr. J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta T6H 5T6

17. PLANT DISEASE AND INSECT IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL: PLANT IDENTIFICATION AND WEED CONTROL PROGRAMS

Provides identification and control recommendations for plant disease and insects; provides plant identification and weed control recommendations. These services are provided by:

Local district agriculturist
or
agricultural fieldman

1. Alberta Environment Centre
   Bag Service 4000
   Vegreville, Alberta.
   TOB 4LO Telephone: 632-6767

2. Regional Crops Laboratory
   Box 10
   Olds, Alberta
   TOM 1PO Telephone: 556-4282

3. Regional Crops Laboratory
   Horticulture Research Centre
   Brooks, Alberta
   TOJ OJO Telephone: 362-5551

4. Regional Crops Laboratory
   Alberta Agriculture
   Fairview, Alberta
   TOH 1LO

18. PREVENTIVE MEDICINE BRANCH

Responsible for preventive veterinary medicine through inspection programs, education and farm visits. Field staff are responsible for enforcement of acts; collection of epidemiological data on diseases; administration of swine herd health and pasture programs; development of extension programs for producers and veterinarians; investigation of disease problems on farms and supervision of government-owned veterinary clinics.

Head
Preventive Medicine Branch
Alberta Agriculture
6909 - 116 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 4P2 Telephone: 436-9340

19. PRODUCTION COSTS AND RETURNS INFORMATION

To provide farmers with the costs and returns involved in producing various agricultural commodities in different areas of Alberta and under varying conditions.

Head
Production Economics Branch
Alberta Agriculture
3rd. Floor, J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-5396

20. RANGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Responsible for study in the areas of range management and assistance to producers.

Supervisor, Range Management
Alberta Agriculture
Field Crops Branch
Bag Service 47
Lacombe, Alberta
TOC 1SO Telephone: 782-4641

21. RECORD OF PERFORMANCE PROGRAM - BEEF AND SHEEP

Provides performance test programs for beef and sheep, administered within the framework of the federal-provincial guidelines. Programs are designed to provide breeders with performance trait and management information.

Supervisor, Beef Cattle
Performance Testing Ph.427-5079
Supervisor, Sheep
Performance Testing,Ph.427-5079
2nd Floor, J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6

22. SOIL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

To assist farmers with soil erosion salinity, acid soils or solonetzic soil problems through advice, information and financial assistance through Municipal Agricultural Service Boards.

Supervisor
Soil Conservation, Soil Branch
2nd. Floor, J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-5347

23. SOIL TESTING SERVICE

Analysis of soils to determine plant available nutrient contents, soil acidity, alkalinity, soluble salts, levels of elements such as aluminum and manganese. Recommendations for fertility and cultural practices are then made to the submitter.

Director
Soil and Feed Testing Lab.
Alberta Agriculture
8th Floor
6909 - 116 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 4P2 Telephone: 427-9150

24. WATER WELL RECOVERY PROGRAM

The Water Well Recovery Program is available to compensate farmers for the majority of their costs in reestablishing their water well, if the alleged damage was caused by either a seismic operation or the drilling of an oil or gas well and if they are successful in providing their case in a hearing.

Farmers' Advocate
3rd. Floor, J.G. O'Donoghue Bldg.
7000 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta
T6H 5T6 Telephone: 427-2433

NOTE: The additional programs listed above are intended to provide an indication of the variety of services provided by Alberta Agriculture. Many other services are available. If you have a specific concern, contact your district extension office.